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SUBJECT: US-UK PLANNING TALKS

FOR SPIERS FROM WINSTON LORD

1. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, I HAD AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH UK PLANNING STAFF DIRECTOR CABLE IN LONDON LAST JUNE ON MY WAY TO THE APAG MEETING IN LISBON. THIS WAS A MORE UNOFFICIAL CONTINUATION OF PLANNING STAFF CONTACTS WHICH HAD EXISTED IN VARIOUS FORA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. CABLE CONTACTED ME RECENTLY THROUGH THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON PROPOSING THAT WE CONTINUE OUR CONTACTS ON THIS MORE INFORMAL BASIS. WE HAVE AGREED TO THE IDEA AND THE DISCUSSIONS ARE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 14 - 15.

2. CABLE WILL COME WITH ONE MEMBER OF HIS STAFF (THUOLD MASEFIELD WE UNDERSTAND) AND MAY BE JOINED BY AN OFFICER FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY. THE IDEA WILL BE TO LIMIT THE TALKS TO A SHORT, INFORMAL AGENDA, WITH A SMALL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ON EACH SIDE. I WILL HEAD OUR SIDE WHICH WILL INCLUDE REG BARTHOLOMEW AND JOHN KORNBLUM FROM S/P AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF EUR. WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO EXCHANGE FORMAL PAPERS.

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3. AS OF NOW, THE AGENDA WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING
THREE POINTS:

A. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS: RAW MATERIALS
AND RESOURCES, INCLUDING ENERGY. WE WILL MAKE THE OPENING
PRESENTATION ON THIS POINT.

B. STATE OF PLAY AND PROSPECTS IN THE EC, EUROPEAN
DEFENSE COOPERATION AND THE TRANS-ATLANTIC CONNECTION.
THE UK WILL TAKE THE LEAD ON THIS POINT.

C. STATE OF PLAY AND PROSPECTS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS.
WE WILL TAKE THE LEAD.

4. WE ARE NOW BEGINNING TO GET READY FOR THE MEETING WITH
CABLE. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY THOUGHTS YOU MIGHT HAVE,
EITHER ON PROBABLE UK REACTIONS TO OUR PRESENTATIONS,
QUESTIONS WE MIGHT WISH TO PUT TO CABLE ON HIS REMARKS
OR ANY OTHER TOPICS YOU THINK WE MIGHT USEFULLY RAISE,
EITHER IN THE OFFICIAL SESSIONS OR IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS.
WARM REGARDS. KISSINGER

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